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SUBJECT: INVOLVEMENT MARINE SECURITY GUARD IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

1. ONE OF CONSULATE'S MARINE SECURITY GUARDS HIT A PEDESTRIAN WHILE DRIVING MARINE VAN BETWEEN CONSULATE AND MARINE HOUSE ON AUGUST 23. ACCORDING TO MARINES, PEDESTRIAN WAS WORKING ON TRUCK PARKED ALONGSIDE THE ROAD. AS VAN SLOWLY PASSED BY, PEDESTRIAN TURNED AROUND AND MORE OR LESS TURNED INTO VAN. PEDESTRIAN DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. AS HE WAS SLIGHTLY HURT, MARINE BROUGHT HIM TO CONSULATE AND RSO TOOK HIM TO THE ADMIRAL BRISTOL HOSPITAL.

2. AT HOSPITAL HE RECEIVED FIVE STITCHES IN RIGHT ARM AND THREE X-RAYS WERE TAKEN OF LEFT ARM. THE PEDESTRIAN'S UNCLE JOINED HIM AT THE HOSPITAL. AT THAT TIME BOTH THE UNCLE AND THE PEDESTRIAN TOLD THE RSO'S ASSISTANT THAT THEY WOULD NOT PRESS CHARGES.

3. AUGUST 24 POLICE INFORMED CONSULATE THAT THE PEDESTRIAN HAD PRESSED CHARGES AGAINST THE DRIVER OF THE MARINE VAN AND THE POLICE REQUESTED MARINE GO TO THE POLICE STATION AND GIVE STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF ACCIDENT. WE ARE TRYING TO OBTAIN POSTPONEMENT OF MARINE'S APPEARANCE BEFORE POLICE UNTIL MONDAY, AUGUST 28, AND ALSO OBTAIN COPY OF CHARGES.
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4. FROM OUR READING OF VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS, WE ASSUME MARINE SHOULD BE TREATED AS "CONSULAR EMPLOYEE" AS USED IN ARTICLE 43 OF CONVENTION. WE ALSO ASSUME FROM SAME ARTICLE THAT MARINE GUARD SHOULD MAKE THE STATEMENT AND MAY BE USED IN A CIVIL ACTION FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE FOR HANDLING MATTER
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